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AND

SANITARY INSPECTOR

TO THE

Rural District Council of Buckingham.

1915.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health

For the Year ending December 31st, 1915.

STEEPLE CLAYDON,

March, 1916.

To the Rural District Council of Buckingham.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in presenting to you my eighteenth Annual Report as your Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1915, and in doing so I beg to thank you for your continued help and support.

During the year I have attended 25 Council Meetings and 12 Committee Meetings.

The rainfall for the year 1915 amounted to 31·04 inches, which is considerably above the average for the last 30 years, while the amount for 1914 was 27·16 inches. The number of rainy days was 154 compared with 165 in 1914. December had 25 rainy days, while June had only 6. The wettest month was July with 5·61 inches, while the driest was June with 0·17 inches.

At the Census of 1911 the District contained a population of 8,322, being an increase of 198 since the Census of 1901. There were 2084 inhabited houses having an average number of 3·993 persons per house. Owing to the war a large number of the youngest and healthiest lives have gone into the army, and consequently the Vital Statistics of the District are not so favourable. No soldiers have been trained or billeted in the District. The estimated civil population for 1915 for the Rural District of Buckingham has been calculated at the General Register Office, Somerset House, London, as 7,804 and this estimated number is to be used in calculating the death-rate, while the number estimated in the usual way, viz: 8,300 is to be used in calculating the birth-rate.

The number of births registered during the year was 137 (boys 71, girls 66), but the District is credited with 1 transferable birth, a girl, which brings the number up to 138; this is equal to an annual birth-rate of 16·6 per 1,000, which is one of the lowest ever registered in this District. The rate for Rural England and Wales for 1915 was 20·7.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 94, being equal to an annual death-rate of 12·0 per 1000. 16 deaths of residents were registered as having occurred outside the District, and this makes the net death-rate 14·1 compared with 10·6 for 1914. The standardized death-rate (formerly called the corrected death-rate)

is the rate which would have been recorded if the sex and age constitution of the population of the District had been identical with that of England and Wales as enumerated in 1911. To obtain the standardized death-rate for the Rural District of Buckingham the net death-rate is multiplied by the factor for the County, which is 0.8942, and this gives us 12.6 as the standardized death-rate for the District, compared with 13.6 for Rural England and Wales.

*Infantile
Mortality.*

The infantile mortality, or number of deaths of Infants under 1 year of age, per 1,000 births registered, was 65 compared with 20 for 1914. The rate for Rural England and Wales for 1915 was 98. Of the 9 deaths registered, 5 were caused by Bronchitis, 2 by Premature Birth, 1 by Congenital Malformation and 1 by Acute Peniphigus. The Notification of Births has now been made compulsory, and the Bucks County Council is the Authority for carrying out the Act. I believe the District Nurses are performing the duties of Health Visitors, and are paid by the County Council. I am afraid I cannot say very much about the benefits which may be brought about from the working of the Act until it has been in working order for some few years. It is certain however that the mere notification of the birth will not be of much use unless it is followed up by systematic visiting and advice. In any case the Infantile Mortality of this District as well as that of the County at large compare very favourably with that of Rural England and Wales.

*Phthisis
Death-rate.*

Two deaths have been registered from Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) during 1915, and the Phthisis Death-rate would therefore be 0.24, compared with 0.36 for 1914. Both your outdoor shelters have been in use during the year. The rate of England and Wales for 1915 is 1.024.

Scarlet Fever.

Seventeen cases of Scarlet Fever have been notified during the year 1915, and 2 deaths have been caused by this disease compared with 13 cases and no death during 1914. These are the first deaths that have occurred from this disease for the last 10 years out of more than 200 cases notified. The cases occurred in the following villages:—Chackmore 6, Charndon 1, Preston Bissett 4, Steeple Claydon 5 and Tingewick 1.

Diphtheria.

Two case of diphtheria have been notified and 1 death during 1915, compared with no cases in 1914. Both cases occurred in Westbury village.

*Enteric
(Typhoid)
Fever.*

No case of Enteric Fever has been notified this year or last year.

Measles.

One death has been registered from Measles during the past year. This disease (ordinary measles) and German Measles also have been made compulsory from the 1st January, 1916.

*Whooping
Cough.*

We have had no deaths from Whooping Cough during 1915.

Erysipelas.

Five cases of Erysipelas have been notified without a death, compared with 10 cases in 1914.

Small-pox.

No case of Small-pox has occurred in the District during the last year, in fact very few cases have arisen in this Country notwithstanding the fact that we are engaged in a great war. The armies in the field have had very few cases, but this is accounted for by the very general use of vaccination.

Cancer.

Four deaths from Cancer have occurred during the last year, compared with 2 deaths in 1914.

Influenza.

One case of Influenza proved fatal during 1915, compared with 2 deaths in 1914.

*Polyomyelitis
and Cerebro
Spinal
Meningitis.*

These diseases have been compulsorily notifiable for some few years, but fortunately we have not been visited by them in this District.

*Infectious
Diseases
(Notification)
Act 1889.*

Thirty-eight cases of Infectious Disease were notified under this Act during 1915, compared with 23 cases in 1914. Five of the 38 cases have been cases Erysipelas and 14 of Chicken-pox. I give here the usual table of Infectious Diseases notified during the last 10 years, and also a table with the estimated population and number of deaths from the diseases indicated for the same period.

Since the 1st January, 1911, it has been made compulsory for the Medical Officer of Health to send every week to the Local Government Board a return of the cases of Infectious Disease notified to him, and a similar return is sent to the County Medical Officer of Health. These cards must be sent whether any cases have occurred or not.

CASES NOTIFIED.

Year.	Scarlet Fever.	Erysipelas.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid.	Membran- ous Group.	Typhus.	Small-pox.	Puerperal Fever.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Chicken-pox	Polyomyel- itis.	Cerebro- Spinal Men- ingitis.	Total.
1906 ...	8	6	1	0	0	0	0	0					15
1907 ...	3	6	21	0	0	0	0	0					31
1908 ...	19	5	9	2	0	0	0	0					35
1909 ...	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0					14
1910 ...	15	8	8	0	0	0	0	0					31
1911 ..	39	16	1	0	0	0	0	0					71
1912 ...	15	12	4	6	0	0	0	1					49
1913 ...	3	11	0	1	0	0	0	1	2				18
1914 ...	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				23
1915 ...	17	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	38

DEATHS FROM NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Year.	Population.	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Small-pox.	Puerperal Fever.	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Chicken-pox.	Total.
1906 ...	7800 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
1907 .	7750 ...	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1			4
1908 ...	7672 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
1909 ..	7600 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
1910 ...	7600 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
1911 ...	8340 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
1912 ...	8350 ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
1913 ...	8350 ...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		2
1914 ...	8360 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
1915 ...	7804 ...	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

All cases of Tuberculosis are now notifiable whether the disease occurs in the lungs or in any other parts of the body. Printed leaflets are issued giving hints as to diet, fresh air, &c., and pointing out the precautions which should be taken for preventing the spread of the disease.

The District is largely engaged in sending Milk to London, and your Council has always taken a keen interest in safeguarding the supply. The Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops Orders, 1885 and 1889, have now been adopted for several years, and your Inspector visits the Cowsheds of the District periodically and pays particular attention to their sanitary condition and cleanliness. They show a great and progressive improvement. In the event of any suspicious case of Tuberculosis in milking cows your Council allow the calling in of a Veterinary Surgeon.

One Water Certificate was applied for and granted.

These have been duly inspected and reported on.

There is no permanent Isolation Hospital in the District, but a site has now been bought, and a satisfactory supply of water has been obtained. With regard to Small-pox you are entitled to the use of a joint Small-pox Hospital, near Bletchley, which you own in combination with other Sanitary Authorities in North Bucks.

Three new buildings have been erected during the year, and 5 have been enlarged.

During the past year 31 new drains have been laid.

I have the honour to remain,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

PHILIP. L. BENSON, M.D., D.P.H. (CAMB.),
Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE V.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD TABLE.

Statement, required by Article V. of the Housing (Inspection of Districts) Regulations, 1910, in regard to the inspection of dwelling-houses under Section 17 (1) of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915
Number of dwelling-houses inspected under and for the purpose of the Section ...	22	487	141	183	57
Number of such dwelling-houses which were considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	14	17	2	22	2
Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which representations were made to the local authority with a view to the making of closing orders	14	17	0	2	2
Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders were made by the local authority	14	17	0	2	1
Number of dwelling-houses the defects in which were remedied without the making of closing orders	34	194	49	61	18
Number of dwelling-houses which, after the making of closing orders, were made fit for human habitation.	7	8	0	0	...
General Character of the Defects found :					
(a) Drainage Defects	8	103	26	42	4
(b) Closet Accommodation, insufficient or defective	5	145	6	29	6
(c) Water Supply exposed to surface pollution	0	22	4	2	...
(d) Insufficient circulation of air	10	32	20	38	7
(e) Dampness	5	19	19	21	4
(f) Insufficient light	10	14	6	7	5
(g) Dirty by landlord's default	0	15	3	17	1
(h) Dirty by tenant's default	0	4	0	3	1
(i) Dirty by default of landlord and tenant	0	1	0	1	1
(j) Insufficient paving	2	93	35	23	4
(k) Deficient method of refuse disposal ...	0	0	19	4	...
(l) Internal defects, walls, ceilings, floors...	21	44	34	62	5
(m) Defective roofs or gutters and down pipes	21	21	23	32	5

Annual Report of the Sanitary Surveyor and Inspector

For the Year ending December 31st, 1915.

BUCKINGHAM,

March, 1916.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District
Council of Buckingham.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the pleasure to submit the Annual Report upon the sanitary work and improvements carried out in your District during the year ended December 31st, 1915.

In the villages of Beachampton, Maids Moreton and Water Stratford, where house-to-house inspection was made, much good work has been done to old cottages, and many improvements have been effected. The more expensive work to re-modernise old cottages has been delayed owing to the great European War, so also has the erection of houses by private enterprise been retarded.

During the year 16 cow-keepers have been registered, making a total of 188 registered cow-keepers in your District.

Four new cow-sheds have been erected in the District in accordance with your regulations, to replace old, delapidated and insanitary ones.

Notices, to the number of 41, have been served with regard to necessary alterations and cleansing. Satisfactory improvements have been made in many instances, and preliminary steps taken for improvements to defected ones.

The slaughter-houses in your District have been inspected at intervals during the year, and I am pleased to report that they have been well kept, and in a cleanly state, the lime-washing and removal of offal having been carried out satisfactorily.

In 3 instances only was it necessary to serve notices for the abatement of nuisances.

Scarlet Fever has been more prevalent in your District during the past year. Disinfectants were immediately supplied to the infected houses, with the necessary instructions as to their use, and frequent visits paid to ascertain how far the precautionary measures were being carried out.

Two cases of Diphtheria were reported in the village of Westbury.

The usual disinfection was carried out after all cases of infectious disease, as also the cleansing of the rooms after disinfection.

*Factories,
Workshops, and
Bakehouses.*

The factories, workshops and bakehouses in your District have been periodically inspected, and in general they are kept in good order. There are 13 bakehouses and 31 workshops in your District.

*Petroleum
Acts and
Regulations.*

Six applications were granted during the year for licenses for the storage of carbide of calcium and petroleum. The premises and stores have been inspected and no contravention of the Acts were discovered.

*Canal Boats
Act.*

The Canal within your area is practically unnavigable, and no inspections were made during the year.

New Buildings.

During the year 3 new houses have been erected, and alterations and additions made to existing ones. Inspections were made to the buildings in course of erection, &c., for the proper carrying out of your Building Bye-laws. All drains in connection with the new houses were tested both before and after being filled in, either by the water or smoke test,

Improvements and additions have been carried out to 3 cottages at Verney Junction; 1 at Tingewick; 1 at Water Stratford.

*Sewerage and
Sewage
Disposal.*

The sewers of the District have been maintained in good order generally.

New length of sewer has been laid at Padbury; new effluent sewer from tanks at Preston Bissett.

Sewers repaired and blockages removed have been carried out at Maids Moreton and Akeley.

The septic tanks throughout the District have been periodically cleansed. The filters at Steeple Claydon, Maids Moreton, Marsh Gibbon and Water Stratford have been cleansed and re-charged.

Water Supplies

The extension of the water main at Padbury has been completed during the year. An air valve has been fixed on to the water main; this has proved a great improvement to all the standpipes in the village, as many standpipes failed for a long period owing to the air-lock in the pipes.

Improvements have been effected to the old dip well at Adstock by covering up the well and fixing a new pump.

The old dip well at Turweston has been greatly improved by constructing a collecting tank and the laying of a length of water main, which gives a continuous supply.

Leakages were discovered in the water mains at Padbury, Charndon and Poundon; in each instance the leakage was immediately repaired.

Standpipes in the villages of Akeley, Adstock, Twytord, Charndon, Steeple Claydon and Padbury got out of order, and were repaired immediately.

The Wind-mill Pump at Charndon has been repaired, and the syphons and foot valves at Steeple Claydon Water Works have been overhauled.

The following is a summary of the number of Inspections made and work done during the year :—

NUISANCES (PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.)

Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	771
Complaints received	...	..	...	...	5
Nuisances detected without complaint	...	...	...	...	217
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	141

HOUSING, TOWN PLANNING ACT, 1909.

Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	57
Houses considered to be unfit for habitation	...	...	...	...	2
Closing Orders made	...	...	...	...	1
Houses closed—after Closing Orders	...	...	...	...	1
Houses made habitable	...	...	...	...	1

HOUSE NUISANCES (not included above).

Houses inspected	...	...	...	...	31
Dirty houses cleansed	...	...	...	...	1
House defects remedied	...	...	...	..	19

DRAINS, W.C.'s, PRIVIES, &c.

Total defects found	...	...	...	...	41
New drains laid	...	...	...	...	31
Earth and pail closets or privies constructed	...	...	...	...	7
Water closets constructed	...	...	...	...	2
Water closets supplied with water	...	...	...	...	2
Old drains, cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	...	21
Privies and W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	...	5

WATER SUPPLY.

Houses connected with water mains	...	...	...	...	5
Samples taken for analysis	...	...	...	...	1
Certificates granted	...	...	...	...	1
Wells cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Wells closed	...	...	...	...	0
Cisterns cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	...	3

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

On Register	...	...	...	...	19
Number of Inspections made	...	...	...	...	52
Defects found and remedied	...	...	...	...	3

BAKEHOUSES.

On Register	...	...	...	...	13
Number of Inspections made	...	...	...	...	35
Defects found	...	...	...	..	0

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

Dairymen and Purveyors of Milk on Register	...	...	0
Cowkeepers on Register	...	...	188
Number of Inspections made	...	...	253
Number of Notices <i>re</i> sanitary defects	...	...	41
Number of defects found	...	...	39

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

On Register	...	...	...	...	31
Number of Inspections	...	...	...	...	36

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Visits to Infected Houses	...	...	...	...	45
Houses disinfected	...	...	...	...	16
Schools disinfected	2

MISCELLANEOUS.

Removal of animals, etc. improperly kept	1
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I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FRANK L. REYNOLDS,

Sanitary Surveyor and Inspector.



TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1915 and previous Years for the
Buckingham Rural District.

YEAR.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Un-cor-rected Num-ber	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non-residents registered in the District.	of Resi-dents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Num-ber.	Rate.					Number.	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1910	7600	189	189	24·9	105	138	0	6	18	95·2	111	14·6
1911	8340	182	184	22·1	80	9·5	0	15	7	38·6	95	11·4
1912	8350	154	156	18·7	91	10·9	2	6	9	57·7	95	11·4
1913	8350	145	146	17·5	84	10·1	0	15	12	82·2	99	11·8
1914	8360	150	152	18·2	74	8·9	0	15	3	19·7	89	10·6
Birth-rate 1915	8300		138	16·6	94	12·0	0	16	9	65·0	110	14·1
Death-rate	7804	137										

Area of District in acres (land and inland water) 54,983a. or. op.

Total population at all ages 8322 } At Census of 1911.

Total families or separate occupiers 2084 }

TABLE II.—Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the year 1915 in the Buckingham Rural District.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	NUMBER OF CASES NOTIFIED.							TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.			TOTAL CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL.
	At Ages.—Years.							Registration Sub-District of Buckingham (Rural).	Registration Sub-District of Tingewick.	Westbury, Turweston, and Biddlesden.	
	At all Ages.	Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 45.	45 to 65.					65 and upwards.
Small-pox	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cholera	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria (including Membranous croup)	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Erysipelas	5	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	4	..	..
Scarlet fever	17	3	10	1	3	..	..	7	10	..	..
Typhus fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Relapsing fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Continued fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal fever	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	3	1	..
Other forms of Tuberculosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chickenpox	14	7	7	..	..	..	..	1	11	2	..
Totals	42	11	19	1	7	4	..	9	28	5	..

Isolation Hospital or Hospitals, Sanatoria, &c. : None.

Causes of and Ages at Death during the year 1915 in the Buckingham Rural District.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	NETT DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF "RESIDENTS" WHETHER OCCURRING WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE DISTRICT.									TOTAL DEATHS WHETHER OF "RESIDENTS" OR "NON- RESIDENTS" IN INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.
	All Ages.	Under 1.	1 and under 2.	2 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 45.	45 and under 65.	65 and upwards.	
All causes { Certified ... { Uncertified ...	110 ...	9 ...	1 ...	2 ...	5 ...	3 ...	4 ...	17 ...	69 ...	
Enteric Fever ...										
Small-pox ...										
Measles ...	1	...	...		1					
Scarlet fever ...	2	...	...	1	1					
Whooping-cough ...										
Diphtheria and Croup	1	...	...		1					
Influenza ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Erysipelas ...										
Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2			
Tuberculous Meningitis										
Other tuberculous di- seases ...										
Cancer, malignant di- sease ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Rheumatic Fever ...										
Meningitis ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Organic Heart Disease	15	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	10	
Bronchitis ...	20	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	14	
Pneumonia (all forms)	7	...	...	1	...	1	...		5	
Other diseases of Res- piratory organs ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Diarrhœa & Enteritis										
Appendicitis and Typhlitis ...										
Cirrhosis of liver ...										
Alcoholism ...										
Nephritis and Bright's Disease ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	
Puerperal fever ...										
Other accidents and diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition ...	1	...	...	...	...	1				
Congenital Debility and Malformation, includ- ing Premature Birth	3	3								
Violent Deaths, exclud- ing Suicide ...	1	...	...	...	...	1				
Suicides ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2		
Other Defined Diseases	26	1	1	...	2	1	...	6	15	
Diseases ill-defined or unknown ...	17							1	16	

TABLE IV.

Infantile Mortality during 1915 in Buckingham Rural District.

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.

CAUSE OF DEATH.		Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Ttl under 1 Month.	1-3 Months.	3-6 Months.	6-9 Months.	9-12 Months.	Ttl. under 1 Year.
All Causes	{ Certified... { Uncertified	2		2		4	2	1	2		9 0
{ Small-pox	...										
{ Chicken-pox	...										
{ Measles	...										
{ Scarlet Fever	...										
{ Whooping Cough	...										
{ Diphtheria and Croup	...										
Erysipelas	...										
{ Tuberculous Meningitis	...										
{ Abdominal Tuberculosis	...										
{ Other Tuberculous Diseases											
Meningitis (<i>not Tuberculous</i>)											
Convulsions	...										
Laryngitis	...										
Bronchitis	...			1		1	1	1	2		5
Pneumonia (all forms)	...										
{ Diarrhœa	...										
{ Enteritis	...										
Gastritis	...										
Syphilis	...										
Rickets	...										
Suffocation, overlying	...										
Injury at Birth	...										
Atelectasis	...										
{ Congenital Malformations	...						1				1
{ Premature Birth	...	2				2					2
{ Atrophy, Debility & Marasmus											
Other Causes	...			1		1					1
Totals	...	2		2		4	2	1	2		9

Nett Births in the	{	legitimate .. 136	Nett Deaths in the	{	legitimate infants 9
year	{	illegitimate .. 2	year	{	illegitimate infants 0

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1915,
for the Rural District of Buckingham, on the administration
of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with
Factories, Workshops, Workplaces and Homework.

1.—Inspection.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances.

PREMISES.	Number of		
	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Prosecutions.
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ..	1		
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	19	Nil.	Nil.
Workplaces (other than outworkers' pre- mises included in Part 3 of this Report) ..			
Total	20		

2.—Defects Found.

PARTICULARS	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
<i>Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—</i>				
Want of cleanliness.. .. .	} Nil.			
Want of ventilation.. .. .				
Overcrowding				
Want of drainage of floors				
Other nuisances				
Sanitary accommodation {	insufficient	Nil.		
	unsuitable or defective.. .. .	Nil.		
	not separate for sexes	Nil.		
<i>Offences under the Factory and Workshop Acts :—</i>				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouses (s. 101)	} Nil.			
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bake-houses (ss. 97 to 100)				
Other offences (excluding offences relating to out-work which are included in Part 3 of this Report				
Total				

3.—Homework.

List of Outworkers (sec. 107).

Number of Lists received from Employers	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Notices served on occupiers as to keeping or sending Lists							Nil.
Prosecutions.—Failing to keep or permit inspection of List							„
Failing to send Lists	...	...	...	...	...	...	„

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises (sec. 108).

Instances	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	„
Prosecutions	...	...	...	...	...	...	„

Outwork in Infected Premises (sec. 109, 110).

Instances	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Orders made (s. 110)	...	...	...	...	...	...	„
Prosecutions (s. 109, 110)	...	...	...	...	...	...	„

4.—Registered Workshops.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year :—

Carpenters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Wheelwrights	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Shoeing and General Smiths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Dressmakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Retail Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Boot Makers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Painters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Brickworks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total number of Workshops on Register								43

5.—Other Matters.

Matters notified to the H.M. Inspector of Factories :—

Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133, 1901)	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remedi- able under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Acts (s. 5, 1901)	}	Notified by H.M. Inspector					Nil
		Reports (of action taken)					Nil
		sent to H.M. Inspector					Nil
Other	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101) in use at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

PHILIP L. BENSON, M.D., D.P.H. (CAMB.)
Medical Officer of Health.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Summary of work done through the Sanitary Inspector in the Rural
District of Buckingham during the year ended
31st December, 1915.

I.—NUISANCES.

1.—Complaints received	...	...	...	5
2.—Nuisances detected without complaint	...	...	...	217
3.—Nuisances abated	...	...	...	141
4.—Notices served	...	...	...	101
5.—Summonses taken out	...	...	...	—
6.—Convictions	...	...	...	—

II.—HOUSING.

7.—Houses inspected	...	...	...	57
8.—Other premises inspected	...	...	...	31
9.—Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	—
10.—Houses closed	...	...	...	1
11.—Closing Orders becoming operative	...	...	...	—
12.—Demolition Orders	...	...	...	—
13.—Houses placed in habitable repair	...	...	...	18
14.—Defects remedied without Closing Orders	...	...	...	18
15.—Defects remedied after Closing Orders	...	...	...	—
16.—Dirty houses cleansed	...	...	...	1
17.—Closing Orders determined	...	...	...	—
18.—Houses represented as unfit for habitation	...	...	...	2

III.—DRAINS, W.C.'s, PRIVIES, &c.

New Work.	19.—Total defects found	...	...	...	41
	20.—New drains laid	...	...	...	31
	21.—Earth, pail closets or privies constructed	...	...	...	7
	22.—W.C.'s constructed	...	...	...	2
	23.—W.C.'s supplied with water	...	...	...	2
Old Work repair'd	24.—Drains cleansed, repaired, relaid or ventilated	...	...	...	21
	25.—Privies and W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	5

IV.—WATER SUPPLY.

New Work.	26.—Houses connected with water mains	...	...	...	5
	27.—Samples taken for analysis	...	...	...	1
	28.—Certificates granted	For Rural Districts only			1
	29.—Certificates deferred				
Old Work repair'd	30.—Cisterns cleansed, repaired, etc.	...	...	...	3
	31.—Wells cleansed or repaired	4
	32.—Wells closed	—

V.—FOOD.

33.—Seizure of unsound meat, etc.	—
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VI.—SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

34.—Number on Register	19
35.—Number of Inspections	52
36.—Number of defects found	3
37.—Number cleansed, limewashed, repaired, etc.	...		...	19

VII.—BAKEHOUSES.

38.—Number on Register	...	...	...	13
39.—Number of Inspections	.	...	...	35
40.—Number of defects found	...	...	...	—
41.—Number cleansed, limewashed, repaired, etc.	...		...	13

VIII.—DAIRIES, COWSHEDS AND MILKSHOPS.

42.—Number of Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk on Register				—
43.—Number of ditto registered during the year	...			—
44.—Number of Cowkeepers on Register	...	...		188
45.—Number of ditto registered during the year	...			16
46.—Number of visits made	...	...	...	253
47.—Number of notices issued <i>re</i> cleansing, water supply and sanitary defects	...	...	...	41

IX.—WORKSHOPS.

48.—Number on Register	...	...	...	31
49.—Number of Inspections	...	...	...	36
50.—Number of defects found	...	...	...	—
51.—Number of notices served <i>re</i> cleansing, over- crowding, sanitary defects, etc.	...	...	...	—

X.—VARIOUS.

52.—Removal of animals improperly kept	...	...		1
53.—Visits to infected houses	...	...	...	45
54.—Houses disinfected	...	...	...	16
55.—Schools disinfected	...	...	..	2

